

Date:

January 25, 2012

Location/Venue:

Solano County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Fairfield

Attendance: 124

(Note: not all who attended registered or participated in voting during all workshop segments)

Format: Public Workshops included an opening plenary session featuring remarks from elected officials and a short video on Plan Bay Area. Participants were then asked to rotate between three stations: Transportation Trade-offs, Land-Use/Quality of Complete Communities, and Open Comments.

Transportation Tradeoffs Priorities Results

Transportation Investment Priorities

Participants were given ten options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top five priorities. One option was “other” to allow participants to write priorities not already listed on comment cards.

Rank Priority

1	D. Maintain highways and local roads, including fixing potholes
2	J. Other
3	C. Extend commuter rail lines, such as BART or Caltrain
4	G. Fund traffic congestion relief projects, such as adding turn lanes on roads, or reconfiguring interchanges and on-ramps near highways
5	H. Increase public transit service for low-income residents who do not have access to a car
6	I. Invest in improving speed and reliability in major bus or light-rail corridors
7	B. Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes
7	E. Provide more frequent bus service.
7	F. Provide financial incentives to cities to build more multi-unit housing near public transit
8	A. Increase the number of freeway lanes for car-poolers and bus riders

Other/Written Comments (sampling of comments)

- Bus/taxi vouchers for low-income to get to needed appointments/meetings.
- Preserve our Agricultural lands, particularly in Solano County. By farming, harvesting, processing & selling locally, you reduce the costs/emissions of transportation. Save your dollars to fix the roads.
- Incentives for bringing jobs to suburban locations.
- Move jobs to urban areas.
- ALL programs must not conflict with my ability for “self determination” as guaranteed by the Constitution.

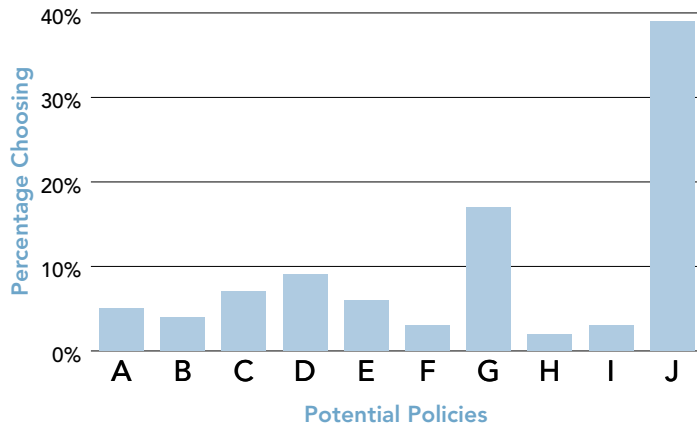


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Policies to Reduce Driving And Emissions

Participants were given ten options for investing future transportation funding and asked to select their top five priorities. One option was “other” to allow participants to write priorities not already listed on comment cards.

Rank	Policy
1	J. Other
2	G. Increase Telecommuting
3	D. Increase Vanpool Incentives
4	C. Expand the Safe Routes to School/Pedestrian Network
5	E. Expand Electric Vehicle Strategies
6	A. Encourage “Smart Driving”
7	B. Complete the Regional Bicycle Network
8	F. Develop Commuter Benefit Ordinances
8	I. Set Freeway Speeds at 55 mph
9	H. Institute Parking Surcharges



Other/Written Comments (sampling of comments)

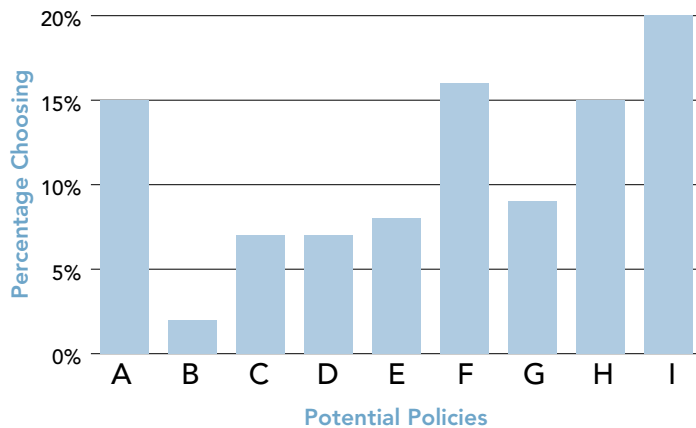
- Put money toward fuel cell cars – it is not fair to tax people who don’t want to conform to the decisions of MTC. Local jobs...
- Incentives for more fuel efficient cars, i.e. lower registration taxes for smaller cars perhaps higher fuel taxes.
- Improve vehicle emission reduction by designing vehicles that emit less at higher speed – research funding.
- Increase gas tax by \$1 per gallon.
- Incentives for businesses to re-locate to Solano County cities.
- By funding local job development you will reduce the need to commute. Local sustainable jobs that provide a solid middle class income. Then you will have less emissions.
- Fund broadband to rural areas to help telecommuting.
- Work from home – zoning policy changes

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Policies Regarding Public Transit

Participants were given nine options for policies regarding public transit and asked to select their top four priorities. One option was “other” to allow participants to write priorities not already listed on comment cards.

Rank	Policy
1	I. Other
2	F. More frequent and faster transit service
3	A. Better timed connections
3	H. More customer amenities such as WiFi on buses and trains
4	G. Better on-time performance
5	E. Fixed price monthly pass valid on all trains, buses and ferries.
6	C. Cleaner/new vehicles and cleaner stations
6	D. Standard fare policies across the region
7	B. More real-time information



Other/Written Comments (sampling of comments)

- All programs are in conflict with my basic belief that this program should not be implemented.
- ALL programs must not conflict with my ability for “self determination” as guaranteed by the Constitution.
- Give incentives to growers, farmers, ranchers to produce, process and sell local = less greenhouse gas, less road repair.
- Improve Capital Corridor increased service.

Land Use/Complete Communities

Complete communities are places where transit, jobs, schools, recreation and stores are located within walking distance and help bring the community together. New development (housing/land use) and transportation investments need to be designed carefully to maximize benefits for residents. Workshop participants discussed the quality of complete communities, whether jobs and housing are converging in the right places in their counties and whether this convergence can support greater access to jobs and housing, particularly for low- and moderate-income populations.

Sampling of Comments

- Need better housing for workers, more affordable housing (whether more jobs or not). Need better enforcement policies for affordable housing in Solano County.
- Need more jobs in outer counties where there is housing. High density downtowns with housing to create customers for businesses. More high income jobs needed, low- and moderate-income jobs will follow.
- Need to protect agricultural land and local access to food supply – one of the county's greatest assets.
- Preserve open space between cities.
- Multiple stories, but don't combine residential and retail.
- Make sure new developments have residential and commercial districts that are walkable – very important.
- Some of the PDAs shown will be underwater in 20 years – how do we solve this?
- Some participants also expressed concerns regarding property rights, preserving the character of their communities and affordability/funding for Plan Bay Area.